



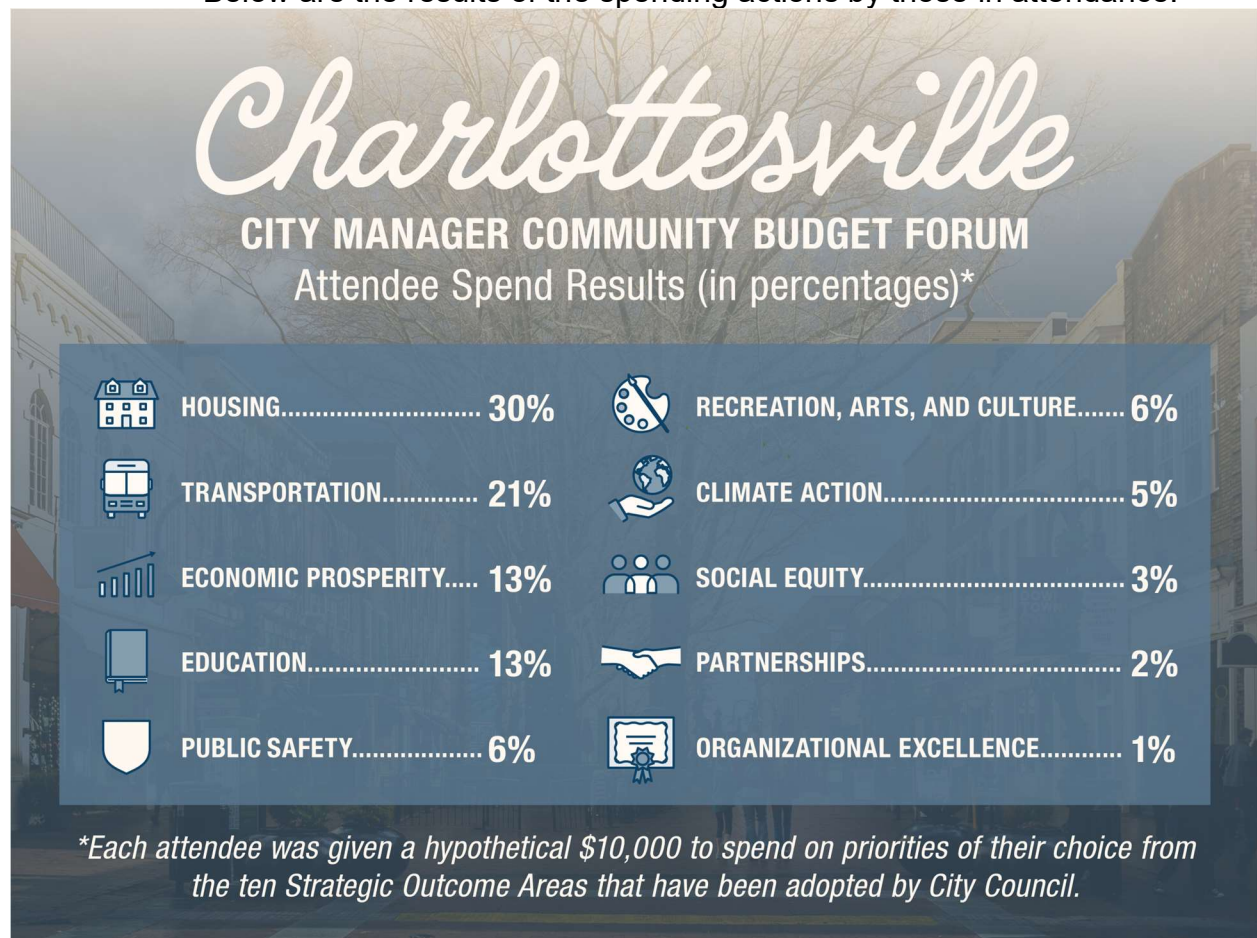
City Manager's Report

City Departments

1-21-2025

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- On Thursday, December 12th, I was proud to host the annual City Manager's Community Budget Forum. This opportunity was planned as a moment for the community to engage with city staff in discussions regarding the budget. As the Budget Team and staff across the city work on the next fiscal budget, it is helpful that we also received feedback from Council, Planning Commission, and YOU - the public who we work to support, help, and serve.
 - Those who attended the event were treated to an opportunity to walk a few minutes in my shoes. They were provided \$10,000 (fake money) and asked to make the tough decisions on carefully considering their priorities and wisely spending this limited amount of money. We heard how challenging it was to spend the money, and we saw people laboring over their decisions. That's exactly what it feels like for me.
 - Below are the results of the spending actions by those in attendance:



- We appreciate the difficulty (and fun) this exercise caused those attending the Community Budget Forum. We will continue to seek ways to engage the larger public in working with us to be sure we are aligned in addressing priorities.

Deputy City Manager for Social Equity – Ashley Reynolds Marshall (she/her)

- Shelter Services for Those in Need:
 - The City would like to remind community members that our local nonprofit partners provide emergency shelter daily for those who may find themselves unhoused. PACEM provides a nightly men's and women's shelter with check-in from 5:30-7 pm. Please call the Men's Shelter Line at 434-465-1392 or the Women's Shelter Line at 434-465-7521 to find location information. The Salvation Army provides overnight emergency shelter 365 days a year at 207 Ridge Street. Please bring a government ID and be prepared to submit to a breathalyzer. For more information, you can stop by their offices or call 434-295-4058. Finally, if a community member finds themselves escaping domestic violence, the Shelter for Help in Emergencies can provide support. Please call 434-293-8509 to contact SHE.
 - The Haven provides day shelter services day shelter services from 7 am-12 pm/1 pm-5 pm Monday- Friday and from 7 am - 12 pm Saturday and Sunday at the location (112 W Market Street). You can call The Haven at 434-973-1234 extension 100.

Deputy City Manager for Operations – James Freas (he/him)

- The snow event concluded on Monday Jan 6 with approximately 4-5 inches of snow and very cold temperatures. Overall, the snow clearing effort was very good with all primary roads clear by Jan 7, all secondary roads in at least fair condition by the end of the 7th and work begun on clearing crosswalk ramps and sidewalks. Public Works took on the additional task of clearing sidewalks in the school walk zones in order to support the safe opening of Charlottesville City Schools on Thursday of that week. Additionally, Friday night staff cleared snow and ice from the area of priority bus shelters to support access to CAT.
- CAT was in operation on most routes throughout, with two-hour delays and two-hour early shut down the 6th and 7th.
- NDS issued more than 90 citations under the sidewalk clearance ordinance, focusing on school walk zones and other high traffic areas.
- Overall, the snow response was good, but there is always room for improvement. Staff met for a snow after-action on Friday the 17th and an update on that will be provided at the Council meeting.

Neighborhood Development Services – Director Kellie Brown (she/her)

- The City has launched the C'ville E-bike Voucher Grant Program, a pilot program aimed at making electric bicycles more accessible to City residents. Residents can sign up through the end of January to participate in a lottery drawing for 25 vouchers worth \$1,000 to help offset the cost of qualifying e-bikes purchased at

local participating bike retailers. More info and sign-ups are available at www.cvilleebikes.com.

- Building Code Reminder – The 2021 Building Code has been underway since January 2024 with the allowance for use of the 2018 code during the transition period. The transition period runs out this month. City customers will be able to submit permits under the 2018 Code through Friday January 17, 2025 at 5pm. Following that, all permits will comply with the 2021 Building Code. This requirement is well known in the building industry and City staff has also been providing reminders to our customers, including an all-inclusive email sent to 285 contractors, architects, engineers, and homeowners.
- In December 2024 the City approved land disturbance permits for two large residential developments within the City. 2117 Ivy Road (PL-24-0028) will provide 231 dwelling units and the Verve, 409 Stadium Road (PL-24-0024) will provide an additional 468 units. Both projects are under construction with an anticipate completion date in the spring of 2027.
- Ose Akinlotan will be joining NDS on February 3rd as our new Long Range Planning Manager. Ose's experience includes serving as a Planning Manager and Neighborhood Planner in the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, managing staff of the East and Central neighborhoods, project management, plan development and serving as a Neighborhood Planner for the Greater Hill District Neighborhood. She was also the Department's Equity and Social Justice team lead and a Departmental Strategic Planning Team Member. Ose will lead planning efforts related to development of planning policy and small area plans in support of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Information Technology – Director Steve Hawkes (he/him)

- Logan Speight started work on January 7 as an IT technical support specialist. Logan comes to us after recently graduating from Roanoke College and is a welcome addition to the IT Helpdesk Team.

Parks & Recreation – Director Riaan Anthony (he/him)

- Master Plan – Final comments for the Trail Connectivity Plan and Framework Plans are available online at: [Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Master Plan | EngagePros](#)
 - Acceptance and Adoption Schedule for the Master Plan:
 - February 6, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
 - February 11, Planning Commission
 - March 17, City Council (1st Reading)
 - April 7, City Council (2nd Reading)
- Washington Park Ramp (VDOT project) construction begins mid-January with completion expected by mid-May.
- All holiday decoration including the tree will be removed by the end of January

- Summer camp registration for city residents opened Monday, January 13. Non-resident and Adaptive Summer Camp registration opens Monday, January 27.
- The Holiday Craft Party was held on December 14 at Carver Recreation Center featuring multiple unique holiday crafts. Over 140 participants attended.
- The Winter Ball will be held Saturday, January 18 from 5-7p.m. at Carver Recreation Center. Tickets are currently on sale for \$10/\$15 (NR) per person.
- The highly anticipated Daddy/Daughter Dance will return in February offering two nights of fun, entertainment and dancing for families in the Charlottesville area. The Carver Recreation Center will host the event, offering two opportunities for patrons to attend: Friday, February 14th and Saturday, February 15th from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now; \$15/\$20 (NR). Price per couple.

Utilities – Director Lauren Hildebrand (she/her)

- The Charlottesville Department of Utilities is happy to announce that the final report for the Charlottesville Natural Gas Decarbonization Study is now available to the community. In 2019, the City of Charlottesville committed itself to achieving two city-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals, with a 45% reduction of GHG emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050. In its role as the owner and operator of a natural gas utility, the Charlottesville Department of Utilities initiated and provided funding for this study as part of ongoing work to address the challenges of decarbonizing energy-related emissions in the community. The Department of Utilities assembled a project team for the study, drawing on expertise from the City's Office of Sustainability, Department of Finance, and the consulting firm Black & Veatch. The study and its results are intended to support Charlottesville Gas's emissions reduction efforts, providing a detailed narrative, assessment, and evaluation of possible decarbonization opportunities for Charlottesville Gas. More directly, this study explores how the utility can promote more efficient gas usage, procure lower carbon fuel supplies, and enhance its system to reduce methane emissions. The final report can be found online at www.charlottesville.gov/utilities.

Department of Public Works – Director Steven Hicks (he/him)

- Public Service:
 - The City had its first snow event. Public Works had a total of 34 trucks and equipment and 43 employees who managed the snow event.
 - Christmas Tree pick-up service will be the week of January 13th, 2025.
 - Trees must be at the curb by 7:00 AM on Monday, January 13th for collection that week. Trees must be free of ALL decorations, stands and nails. This program is for Christmas trees only. No yard waste will be collected.
 - As in years past, trees will be taken to Darden Towe Park for chipping along with trees collected by Albemarle County at their collection sites. The trees will be mulched, and the resulting mulch

will be offered to the public at no cost beginning on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Darden Towe Park and Claudius Crozet Park. More information can be found here:

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/1166/Christmas-Tree-Recycling-Program>

- Fleet:
 - Fleet received five more of the eleven Hybrid Police vehicles.

Department of Human Services – Director Misty Graves (she/her)

- The Department of Human Services is thrilled to add a new team member, Juanika Howard, as the Youth Opportunity Coordinator which will focus on outcomes and experiences of Black Youth and Youth of Color. We are also hiring for a Family Services Specialist to support the Community Based Services team in implementing prevention and intervention programs for youth in the community including mentoring, the Community Attention Youth Internship Program, and Teens GIVE Service-Learning. The position closes January 23rd.
- Additionally, the Community Based team will be partnering with the work of 100 Black Men at Buford Middle School to offer a facilitation of the evidence-based group called the Council for Young Men and Boys. This curriculum is designed to assist youth in working on interpersonal skills, exploring healthy identities and goal setting.
- The City's co-response team ANCHOR (Assisting with Crisis Help and Outreach Resources) continues to build relationships in the community and offer intervention to residents experience mental health crisis and challenges with substance use. In the last 60-day period, ANCHOR responded 47 times and served 30 unique individuals. Sixty three percent of those responses were related to mental health, 13% were related to substance use, one percent were both mental health and substance use, and 17 % were resource navigation calls not related to a crisis. ANCHOR will continue to provide trauma-informed and culturally humble responses in the City.